

REMARKS

Claims 19-21, 23-29, and 35-38 are canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 32 and 39-40 are pending.

In the office action, claim 36 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claim 36 is canceled, so reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

In the office action, claims 19-20, 23-25, 35, and 37-38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) in view of U.S. Patent Number 6,278,419 to Malkin; claim 37 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) in view of U.S. Patent Number 5,057,827 to Nobile et al.; claim 21 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of Malkin and U.S. Patent Number 3,738,035 to Bricker; claims 26-27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of Malkin and U.S. Patent Number 5,041,947 to Yuen et al.; claims 28-29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of Malkin and U.S. Patent Number 2,293,990 to Lewis et al.; and claim 36 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of Malkin, Yuen, and Lewis.

Claims 19-21, 23-29, and 35-38 are canceled, so reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

In the office action, it is stated that claims 32 and 39-40 are allowed.

Accordingly, entry and approval of the present amendment and allowance of all pending claims 32 and 39-40 are respectfully requested.

In case of any deficiencies in fees by the filing of the present amendment, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such deficiencies in fees to Deposit Account Number 01-0035.

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